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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM ISCI PRESIDENT AMMAR AL-HAKIM TO VICE
PRESIDENT BIDEN

¶1. On October 1, 2009, Embassy Baghdad received a diplomatic note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Iraq, which forwarded a letter from the President of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq Ammar Al-Hakim to Vice President Biden. Below is the text of the letter.

Begin text message:

President of the
Islamic Supreme
Council of Iraq

His Excellency Joseph Biden
Vice President of the United States of America

With the utmost appreciation and gratitude, I received your letter of condolences for the loss of his Eminence, Abdul Aziz Al-Hakim, which helped a great deal in alleviating our grief.

I would like to express my thanks to your Excellency for your noble and kind feelings. Also, I would like to wish the American people success and progress and hope that our two countries maintain strong relationships. I take this opportunity to express my sorrow for the loss of your father and to present my sincere condolences.

(Seal-Signed)
Ammar Al-Hakim
President of the
Islamic Supreme
Council of Iraq

End text message.
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